

Harbor Hospital Delay Blasted by Supervisor

A study in contrasts was presented to the County Board of Supervisors this week as Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported to his colleagues that he visited Hoover Dam over the past week end and was amazed to learn that this huge project was built in four years—while the county has delayed almost four years in preparing plans for construction of the badly needed Harbor General Hospital.

"The federal government has never been noted for speed in accomplishing major projects, yet Hoover Dam, the highest in the world and one of the largest and most difficult engineering feats, was built in four years.

"On the other hand, in November, 1956 the voters of Los Angeles County approved a bond issue of \$15,400,000 to build the Harbor General Hospital—and the plans haven't yet been submitted to the Board of Supervisors for advertising for bids," Hahn declared.

He explained that the project was "sold" to the voters on the basis that replacement of the ramshackle barracks which now serve as Harbor General Hospital was a most urgent necessity.

"Yet the project has been delayed and delayed—while construction costs continue to go up."

Hahn took issue with the explanation advanced by one member of the Board that the delays were excusable because the architects first designed a hospital plant that would have cost \$24,000,000—\$8,600,000 more than the bond issue, and the plans had to be redrawn.

THAT IS NOT a reasonable explanation for the delays. The architects knew exactly how much money was available in the bond issue. The Chief Administrative Officer knew how much money was in the bond issue. Why did they design such an expensive hospital in the first place, when they knew there wasn't money available to build it," Hahn asked.

Chief Administrative Officer L. S. Hollinger declared that the project would be advertised for bids yet this fiscal year, which ends on June 30. However, Hahn pointed out that the project is now a week behind a schedule established the first week in February.

"If the project keeps on being delayed, it will be a long time before any construction work is actually started," he concluded.

HE POINTED out that construction of the hospital will take at least two years—making a total of six years from voter approval of the project until it is placed in operation.

"The taxpayers of Los Angeles County deserve better treatment than this. The people of the Southwest section of Los Angeles County who will be served by Harbor General Hospital deserve faster action than the county has provided," he continued.

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mental head, has a tremendous job to do for Torrance. Having been trained in public service for more than a decade, and realizing the importance of good but economical planning for a community which must combine business and industry with wide-spread residential growth, I sincerely hope the voters will give my candidacy the kind of consideration and support they have given me in the past."

During his many years of service on the City Council (having served more consecutive years than any other Councilman in the history of Torrance), Drale has always invited the public to participate in the discussion and review of any and all problems vital to our every-day progress.

City Approves Annexation of Lomita Corner

An ordinance approving the annexation of the southeast corner of Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd. to the City of Torrance was adopted by the city council Tuesday night after the council determined that protests against the action did not come from owners of 50 per cent of the value of the area.

Several protests were acknowledged by the council, and one by Eugene and Kathryn Copel was rejected on the grounds that they were not the legal owners on the cut-off date for protests.

The ordinance will be sent to the Secretary of State in Sacramento and when filed, the annexation will be completed, City Attorney Stanley Remel-meyer said.

Births

TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 HERMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, 4102 Laurette St., a son, Jacob Russell, Feb. 7.
 COVIELLO—Mr. and Mrs. Frank, 2272 Nicole Ave., a daughter, Norma Denise, Feb. 8.
 CUDBACK—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W., 28 Camino de Encanto, a son, Jon Marshall, Feb. 8.
 HODDAY—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, 5501 Sunnyview St., a daughter, Susan Marie, Feb. 9.
 NEUMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Leo, 1607 W. 214th St., a daughter, Julie Marie, Feb. 9.
 BARAJAS—Mr. and Mrs. John, 1560 W. 224th St., a son, John Michael, Feb. 9.
 HUGHES—Mr. and Mrs. Junior, 1029 E. 223rd St., a daughter, Maria Kay, Feb. 10.
 MORGAN—Mr. and Mrs. William B., 2195 Evalyn Ave., a son, Page Timothy, Feb. 12.
 PRESSLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Alton, 2548 S. Western Ave., Harbor City, a son, Michael Guy, Feb. 12.
 SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J., 2216 Shadycroft Ave., a son, Richard John, Feb. 12.
 TALLY—Mr. and Mrs. George W., 1811 Crenshaw Blvd., a son, Ronald Christopher, Feb. 12.
 LOVE—Mr. and Mrs. Barry, 219114 S. Figueroa, a son, Danny Leon, Feb. 13.
 HANSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Frank, 2816 W. 191st St., a daughter, Susan Gay, Feb. 16.
 BARRON—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred, Torrance, a daughter, Susan Lee, Feb. 16.
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